

Subj: **more on 13 and 14**
Date: 10/29/2010 3:19:18 P.M. Central Daylight Time
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Hello Eric again:

I forgot to add that since 13 and 14 were made in the small planchet mode, their earliest date of production would have been after 1675.

Phil

Subj: **SGs**
Date: 12/1/2011 4:06:38 P.M. Central Standard Time
From:
To:
CC:
Dear Phil,

Here at long last are the results of my S.G. work on your behalf:

--Portugal AV 6400 reis, 1767-R. ANS 1924.242.2, wt. 10.920g, S.G. 7.3535
This appears to be a die struck forgery. It's SG is inexplicably low for what does look gold.

--Mexico AR 8 reales, 1737. ANS 1969.222.1347, wt. 25.284g, S.G. 9.3748
This appears to be a cast forgery, with a filed edge. Reasonably good silver look.

--Mexico AR 8 reales, 1744. ANS 1959.159.1, wt. 26.022g, S.G. 6.7431
This piece has a low SG. It has a series of hand-cut chevrons on the edge, simulating the outlines of the tulips markings. Reasonably good silver look.

--Mexico AR 8 reales, 1771. ANS 1959.101.1, wt. 27.147g, S.G. 7.9961
Struck; it is pretty well-made but now clearly base metal.

--Mexico AR 8 reales, 1775. ANS 0000.999.55883, Wt. 27.041g, S.G. 6.7737
Appears to be cast, but has a nicely deceptive edge decor, low SG. Reasonably good silver look.

--Massachusetts AR P.T. shilling, N. 13. ANS 1955.83.1, wt. 2.203g, S.G. 8.7420
Good silver look.

--Massachusetts AR P.T. shilling, N. 13. ANS 1964.66.1, wt. 2.575g, S.G. 10.0980
High SG, indicating good silver. Good silver look.

I hope this is helpful. Again, my sincere apologies for making you wait so unconscionably long!

All best wishes,

Robert

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MASSACHUSETTS

PINE TREE

SHILLING

1652

AVF

51.2gr; 0°

NoE 13

RG

AMONG FINEST KNOWN

C5173



Noe 13



Sybil Martin
Noe 13



Pine Tree Shilling
Noe-13
Weight: 51.2gr
Die Alignment: 0°



Pine Tree Shilling
Noe-13
Weight: 51.2gr
Die Alignment: 0°

Syd Martin

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Pine Tree Shilling
Noe-14
Weight: 41.4gr
Die Alignment: 20°

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Pine Tree Shilling
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Oak Tree Threepence N-24

Intermediate Die State



- 1180 1652 Massachusetts Bay Colony. Oak Tree threepence. N-24, C 2-A1. VF-30. Rarity-7. 18.2 grains. 16.6mm. 0°. Attractive even golden gray in color. Severe cud at base of reverse, corresponding weakness at base of obverse. Slightly off flan, as often seen on the variety. Where struck up, sharper than Very Fine. Obverse tree of N-24, but with further recutting in E, lengthening its lower stroke even further than on the usual N-24 specimen. Bottom of tree weak, roots not struck up. From the reverse die of N-23, but in a state close to that seen on N-25. Reverse state intermediate between N-24 and N-25: crossbar of second N detached from second descender of that letter; crossbar of A faint; thick bottom stroke in final digit of date; crossbar of first N partially detached at the upper left. Possibly an undescribed intermediate die state, which could be appropriately named Picker 24.5.

Purchased privately from Hollinbeck Stamp and Coin Company on July 1, 1953.

Oak Tree Threepence N-25



- 1181 1652 Massachusetts Bay Colony. Oak Tree threepence. N-25, C 3-A.2. F-12. Rarity-7. 15.8 grains. 17.4mm. 350°. Very typical condition for this scarcer denomination. Medium gray reverse, bright golden gray and blue obverse. Obverse strike very soft in the centers and across the middle third of the flan. Tree mostly indistinct; AT obliterated. Reverse strike sharper, as expected, but with some softness in NEW. Flan cracked at about 12:00 on the obverse.

Purchased from Richard Picker on December 10, 1954.

Oak Tree Threepence N-26



- 1182 1652 Massachusetts Bay Colony. Oak Tree threepence. N-26, C 4-A.2. F-12. Rarity-7. 14.3 grains. 17.9mm. 355°. Very typical condition for this scarce variety, which is rarely found better. The finest specimens may be the Noe plate coin and the M.H.S. (1970):17 coin, each of which would grade a full Very Fine. The obverse of this variety is typically weak on the left portion. On this coin, while the tree is mostly full, the majority of letters in

the obverse legend are indistinct. Struck from injured dies, with severe clash marks in the obverse legend. Clearly, the clashing was the cause for recutting of the dies, to create N-27.

Purchased privately from New Netherlands Coin Company on July 31, 1956.

At the time Mrs. Norweb purchased this coin, only three to four specimens of the variety were known.



- 1183 1652 Massachusetts Bay Colony. Oak Tree threepence. N-28, C 6-C. VF-30. Rarity-4-. 14.5 grains. 15.6mm. 355°. Light gray, with golden overtones. Holed at the base of the reverse. Struck from a severely injured die, pronounced clash marks at the bottom portion thereon. Reverse about as well centered as usually found, slightly off flan at the top. Die break about N slightly more advanced than seen on the Noe plate coin.

Purchased from Richard Picker in 1956.

Oak Tree Threepence N-35

Second Specimen Known



- 1184 1652 Massachusetts Bay Colony. Oak Tree threepence. N-35, C obv-/rev.C. VF-20. Rarity-8, second of two known. 14.2 grains. 17.6mm. 5°. Light gray, with faint golden highlights. Squared holed at 11:30 on the obverse, obliterating T on that side, but affecting only the tops of 52 on the reverse. This combination not listed by Noe, although the reverse was known at the time; obverse unknown to Crosby. Discovered in the early 1950s, plated in the 1956 edition of the *Standard Catalogue of United States Coins*. Described by Eric Newman in his *The Secret of the Good Samaritan Shilling*, p. 67 (not this coin); further, more completely described in Richard Picker's *Variations of the Die Varieties of the Massachusetts Oak and Pine Tree Coinage*, p. 83. Second specimen known.

I am indebted to Walter Breen for the following pedigree information:

1. The Norweb coin: F.G. McKean-Zug Sale-L. Werner-seen by Breen (1951)-Stack's-Picker-Norweb.
2. Rumbal Collection-ANA (1952):2374-Stack's (6/73):774-Pine Tree/Promised Land (1974):201-noted New England collection.

Purchased from Richard Picker on January 18, 1956.

There is some controversy about the true nature of the obverse of this piece. Both Newman and Picker described it as being new to Noe and Crosby. A careful examination of the obverse, however, suggests that rather than being a new die, it may be a radical reworking of the obverse of N-28, and perhaps should be listed as N-28.9. While the tree is radically different from that appearing on N-28, the obverse letter shapes are very similar. Additionally, the obverse of this piece is weak, from clashing, in exactly the same position as the clash marks show on the obverse of N-28. The obverse of this piece was definitely reworked, as the faint remains of an original outer beaded border can be seen at the 12:00 position hereon. The reverse die state is quite late, with massive breaks above A and N, which would soon prove terminal. The rarity of this late state may be accounted for by the severely damaged obverse and the severe reverse breaks from 3:00 to 6:00.

Pine Tree Shilling N-13

Contemporary Counterfeit



- 1204 1652 Massachusetts Bay Colony. Pine Tree shilling. N-13, C 9-G. VG-8. Rarity-6. 43.7 grains. 23.9mm. 355°. Medium gray. "Tooth marks" visible at 2:30 on the obverse. Very typical condition for the variety, as all are known on "clipped" flans. Considered a contemporary counterfeit, on the strength of the crudeness of the dies. The finest specimen may well be M.H.S. (1970):38. Roper:33 example is a close second. Although Noe knew of only one specimen (Massachusetts Historical Society Collection), several others are known today.

Purchased privately from Hollinbeck Stamp and Coin Company on November 24, 1953.



- 1205 1652 Massachusetts Bay Colony. Pine Tree shilling. N-15, C 24-N. EF-40 technical grade, value of VF-20. Rarity-6-. 74.5 grains. 25.1mm. 355°. Light gray, with iridescent gold and rose highlights. Planchet clipped at 1:30 on the reverse. Weakly struck, as sometimes seen, at 3:00 on the obverse. Typical state of both dies. Holed at 4:00 on the reverse, subsequently plugged.

Purchased privately from New Netherlands Coin Company on July 31, 1956; earlier ex Lattin, H.M. Grant, T.J. Clarke, F.C.C. Boyd Collections.



- 1206 1652 Massachusetts Bay Colony. Pine Tree shilling. N-16, C 21-L. VF-30 to EF-40. Rarity-2+. 71.1 grains. 25.6mm. 10°. Light gray. Fully round and nicely centered. Lower left branch of tree spreading, otherwise the tree is fully struck. Much earlier die state than that seen on New Netherlands's 60th Sale:218, the latest state seen by this cataloguer.

Purchased from Richard Picker in 1960.

Pine Tree Shilling N-17

Among the Finest Known



- 1207 1652 Massachusetts Bay Colony. Pine Tree shilling. N-17, C 22-L. MS-60, outstanding. Rarity-4. 71.9 grains. 24.6mm. 0°. Pale gray, with bright iridescent gold and rose toning. Lustrous, with a highly reflective surface. Were this a Morgan dollar, it would be described as being prooflike! Very typical lack of complete outer beaded border on the obverse and reverse. Slightly off center on the reverse, but without affecting any portions of the legends, only the outer beaded border. Faint outline of the die edge on the reverse visible from 10:00 to 12:00! A lovely, lustrous specimen which would be perfect for a discriminating type collector. Slightly later state of the obverse die than seen in the Noe plate coin, for example, with the "bird's nest" break between the second and third branches from the bottom on the right side of the tree slightly more advanced. Mostly full root structure. The edge shows the "scoring" caused by the planchet cutter.

Purchased from Baldwin's on May 23, 1963.

Kleeberg Catalog of Mass Silver (1991)

All Pine Tree Shillings are listed as

11³⁰ AM to 1⁰⁰ PM

None are at 6 PM

Exception as to
NE pieces

Noe #31 is omitted by Kleeberg without comment

Noe 31 has hole which shows it is

Medal turn not coin turn.

Kleeberg 107 is Noe 13 and is imaged on back

Kleeberg describes it as CONTEMPORARY COUNTERFEIT

Weights only 47.6 grains

The date seems to have thicker letters in Noe but etc
same coin is imaged. Bottom of second I
in XII is high making that I shorter than
prior I.

Noe 14 Yale has two specimens Noe in Crosby

46.8 grains

46.7 grains

both very low

Beginning of NEW ENGLAND on reverse at
5 o'clock is strange and differs from all
other coinage.

signed by [unclear] and Mayor

Sdattino (p.9)

"Noe 13 and 14 Pine Tree Shillings are accepted
as contemporary counterparts produced to appea
clepped." ~~Ep~~

Newman says they weigh ^{Mass Hub} 30.5 grams

Normal 34.1 grams

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